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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Portland Police Bureau Body Worn Camera Program Development and Camera Acquisition project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Portland, Oregon located at 1221 SW fourth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. The funding would be used by the Portland Police Bureau to purchase equipment and peripherals as well as support training and staff time to rollout a Body Worn Camera program.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the development of a robust and comprehensive Body Worn Camera (BWC) program is a top priority for the City of Portland government, community partners and voters. Such a program will increase transparency, which in turn should lead to increased trust between the Police Bureau and the communities it serves. Support for the program is widespread.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress